2009 Scholar Groups

Descriptions & Assignments

During the Orientation, you are assigned to a Scholar Group with whom you will discuss and plan a presentation to give to the entire class on Saturday morning. The groups are designed to give you a chance to work closely with a small group of your peers. We hope it becomes a time for lively discussion and idea sharing, giving you the potential to work together in the future.

You can expect alumni facilitators to initiate introductions electronically before you all arrive in Tucson, lead an initial brainstorming session upon arrival, and assist in other matters. It is up to you to drive the discussion and plan the brief (10 minute) presentation. Presentations can range from formal, Power-point driven talks, to lively staged debates, to musical numbers or full-fledged skits.

Each group is tasked with creating an overview, guide, or "how to" geared toward university students and should end with a few take-home "how to" points. With the limited time given, groups will first need to choose between covering several ideas with a small level of detail or selecting one or two main areas in which to focus and present on in more depth.

Group 1: Communiversity - "How to" move past your campus to become a local activist or become involved in local politics.

Candace BegodyTara GreimanEmily GradyTristan BrownMatt CashmanJoey CoeMike Parker(alumni facilitator)

Monique Adakai Elena Gustafson Danny Musher

Group 2: Coalition-Building - "How to" forge partnerships with groups that aren't traditionally focused on Native American issues or environmental issues, such as religious groups, social justice groups, etc.

Cecilia GobinBarbara AnallaElizabeth HammanErick BousteadShayna RogersCamila ThorndikeGrace Harrison(alumni facilitator)

Robert Howard Josh Proper Tucker Mottl

Group 3: Buses, Bikes, & Beyond - "How to" address campus transportation issues.

Emily BachaThushara GundaDylan KestiCasey RoeErica TauzerGenevieve LeetSam Jordan(alumni facilitator)

John Miller Brittany Flaherty Joanna Calabrese

Group 4: The Art of Persuasion - "How to" approach and work with policy and decision makers.

Jeremy Doochin Aerica Banks Alan Will Julie Curti

Joey Nelson Rebecca Maddox Jen Lamb (alumni facilitator)

Matt Thoms Thomas Christian Zazell Staheli

Group 5: The True Meaning of Pictures - "How to" use media and digital tools to bring attention to issues.

Amy Snider Christa Lee Tanya Rogers Matt McMahon
Dyanna Becker Nancy Spector Jarymar Arana (alumni facilitator)

Tess Abrahamson-Richards Ashley Dronenburg

Group 6: To Protect & Serve - "How to" plan and execute a public service project.

Carlyn Johnson Laura Wood Jesi Lay Hannah Lee
Mark Milby Bethany Pratt David Rounce (alumni facilitator)

Sara Jackrel Marion Boulicault Andrew McGowan

Group 7: The Color of Money - "How to" fund your green initiatives.

Chris LlopElisabeth CianciolaChris PageRachel BargeAli TrunzoMichael AdelmanJoanna Panosky(alumni facilitator)

Molly Burke Courtney Fox Caroline Cress

Group 8: More Food, Less Carbon - "How to" help build and support sustainable food systems.

Julie MunroAvi FoxJoey StrombergSarah BrokenlegHart Ford-HodgesHenry BarmeierLeslye Penticoff(alumni facilitator)

Mary Davis Sarah Ellison Patrick Stewart

Group 9: International Issues - "How to" tackle global environmental issues through work with transnational policy, international service, NGO's, IGO's, etc.

Gabrielle Hinahara Jacie Jones Kevan Christensen Amanda Fencl
Maria Holland Kate Fritz Ashley Danley (alumni facilitator)
Sarah Imperiale Lisa Curtis Eugene Nho